

FISCAL NOTE

SR 308

May 15, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take the lead role in the Technical Work Group addressing concerns involving discharges into the Pigeon River by the pulp and paper mill in Canton, North Carolina and to include representatives appointed by the Coker County legislative body in the negotiations and work of the group. Urges North Carolina, within the next permit cycle, to require the pulp and paper mill to implement technologies to maintain the pristine nature of the river. Urges the North Carolina Division of Water Quality to hold a water quality hearing regarding the renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit of the Evergreen Paper Plant in Newport, Tennessee. Requests that the EPA revisit the 42 feet of toxic sludge in Walters Lake as a Superfund site. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality, the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, the Region IV office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Atlanta, Georgia, the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., and the Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Any increase in state expenditures to carry out the provisions of the bill are estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Any increase in state expenditures to prepare copies of this resolution and forward it to the required parties is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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